



20th February 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Due to industrial strike action, World Book Day has moved to **Thursday 9th March**. Although this now coincides with 'Gift for a Special Person', please note that this will not have an effect on either event. As a school we know that reading is an essential life skill, and we strive to develop children's acquisition of language through reading. After the success of last year, we have decided to repeat the focus on words for our day.

We are using the story 'The Word Collector', by Peter H. Reynolds, as a stimulus for our day. Within this story, we are introduced to a young boy called Jerome. Jerome discovers the magic of words all around him. Words that connect, transform and empower. The book is a celebration of finding your own words and the impact you can have when you share them with the world. For this reason, **we are asking children to come to school dressed as their own chosen word**. I have attached some ideas that children have used from other schools to give you some inspiration. Do not feel that you need to buy a new costume for your child; there are plenty of ideas to make full costumes from inexpensive items or things you already have at home. Children must bring their chosen word written on card and decorate this however they like. They may wish to include the meaning, synonyms of the word or the title of the book they found the word.

We want the children at Barrow Hedges to be readers for life, so please try to make story-sharing at home a habit. Reading to, and with, your child will really spark their imaginations and can be fun for all involved. You can read together anywhere and everywhere, from breakfast to bedtime! In the lead up to World Book Day (and beyond), please spend 10 minutes a day sharing stories with your child.

Thank you for your continued support and happy reading!

Yours sincerely,

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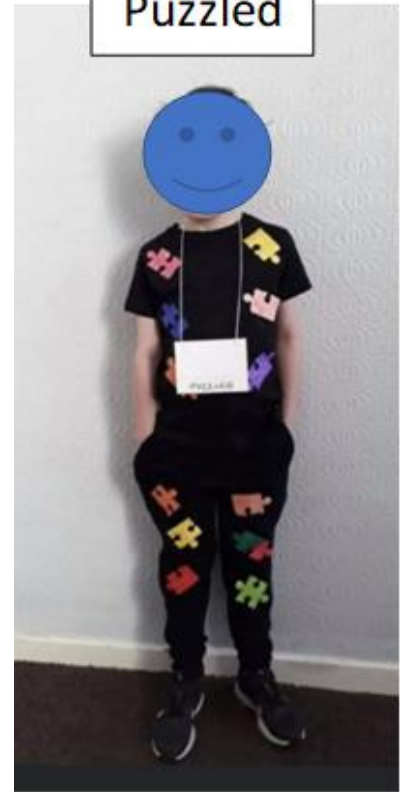
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